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1. Hq of the Eighth Gds Army, located in four-story brick buildings on Am Marktplatz. Genpolk BOLDIN, previous CinC of the Eighth Gds Army, was allegedly replaced.

2. 13th AAA Div

3. 47th Arty Regt

4. 218th Indep Sig Regt

5. 257th Indep Army Motor Trans Bn (25X1C).

Organization of the battalion:

a. Headquarters:

CO: Col KARPENYUK

C/S: Maj ILYIN

Dpty CO

(Political): Maj YEMELYANOV

Dpty CO

(Technical): Capt BYELKIN.

b. 1st through 3rd Motor Trans Co, each company being organized into three motor transport platoons of four sections each and one maintenance platoon. Each motor transport platoon has 36 motor vehicles.

c. Motor vehicle repair shop company, organized into:

(1) Motor vehicle repair shop platoon, equipped with 8 mobile repair shops of type "A" (minor repair work) and of type "B" (major repair work).

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(2) Fuel and lubricant supply platoon, equipped with 22 tank trucks and 4 motor vehicles with gasoline and oil drums.

(3) Spare parts supply room.

d. AA platoon, equipped with four 37-mm guns mounted on motor vehicles.

e. Communication platoon, consisting of telephone, radio and motorcycle sections.

f. Engineer platoon of three squads

g. Supply platoon, consisting of supply and headquarters sections.

h. Medical section (including one physician, one medical attendant and four sanitary instructors), equipped with 4 ambulances.

i. Training company, conducting six-month courses for drivers and motor vehicle mechanics, with 120 men per course. The battalion was equipped with about four hundred motor vehicles of Soviet and US make, about 60 percent of which were in storage. The battalion received recruits in March 1949.

6. Army Hospital [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment:

In detail:

a. Hq of Eighth Gds Army.

The Hq of the Eighth Gds Army is located in WEIMAR, however not on Am Markt, but, according to numerous credible reports, in the Sophien Krankenhaus (hospital) on Humboldtstrasse. Genpolk BOLDIN was last confirmed as CinC of the Eighth Gds Army in the Fall of 1948. The statement that he was relieved in command has to be confirmed.

b. 13th AAA Div

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Only the Hq and the 1173rd AAA Regt of the 13th AAA Div have so far been known to be in WEIMAR. The evaluation of [REDACTED] indicates that other component units of the division are probably located in JENA and MERSEBURG.

c. 47th Arty Regt

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A 47th Gun Arty Regt ([REDACTED]), listed in wartime records, was identified with the Eighth Gds Army in 1944. It is not considered impossible that the 47th Gun Arty Regt may still be assigned to the Eighth Gds Army as a Hq unit.

d. 218th Sig Regt

A 218th Sig Regt, allegedly assigned to the Eighth Gds Army Hq, was reported by a source of unknown reliability in the Fall of 1948. According to World War II records, the Eighth Gds Army included the 91st Sig Regt (located in WEIMAR in September 1948,

[REDACTED] in WEIMAR-MOHRHA by its [REDACTED]. It is not believed that signal regiments with numerical designations as high as "218" exist in the Soviet Army.

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[REDACTED]**CONFIDENTIAL**e. 257th Motor Trans Bn

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The report confirms the Eighth Gds Army's 257th Motor Trans Bn ([REDACTED]) and its CO Col KARPENYUK (reported as Lt Col KARPENIK in 1948) as being stationed in WEIMAR. Maj ILYIN is known to be C/S of the battalion. The reported organization of the battalion is considered essentially credible in view of previous information and other comparable data.

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f. Army Hospital [REDACTED] was once before identified in WEIMAR in 1948. Further information is required to ascertain whether it is identical to Military Hospital [REDACTED] which 25X1C 0 is known to be located in the Lutzendorf Kaserne, WEIMAR.

1 Annex: Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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